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The Essex Judgeship.

Governor Abbott, on Tuesday, nominated Andrew Kirkpatrick, Esq., to be Judge of Essex Court of Common Pleas in the place of Judge McCarter, whose term will expire in April. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a well known lawyer of Newark, who enjoys the confidence of the Essex Bar, and the respect of the community, and his appointment has been received with general satisfaction. Judge McCarter has filled the position for the last six years, and during that time has been distinguished for his vigorous efforts to punish and repress crime in the county. His administration of the office has been, in the main, satisfactory, and his reappointment was urged by many of the leading lawyers and citizens of the county, but the Governor insisted upon making a change, and it is a matter for congratulation that he has chosen so capable a man as Mr. Kirkpatrick.

The Township Committee.

The Township Committee have nearly finished their work for the current year, and the other officers are engaged in the preparation of their reports to be submitted to the taxpayers at their annual meeting in March. The record of the year has been one of substantial progress as the report will show. The taxes have been collected with promptness, and a smaller percentage remains uncollected than went into arrears in 1883, while the sums collected from arrears of taxes for previous years is larger than usual. This has enabled the Committee to reduce the outstanding obligations of the township to the lowest figure which has been reached since 1877, and the township is practically out of debt, while it still has valuable assets in its liens upon property for such taxes as are still unpaid.

The Township Committee have attended personally to the affairs entrusted to them, and have been watchful of the public interests. They directed their counsel to take legal proceedings to set aside the action of the County Assessors, by which our county tax was increased seven hundred dollars, and that case was argued before the Supreme Court at Trenton this week, and the greatest confidence is felt that it will result in relieving Bloomfield from the payment of that increased assessment.

We trust the meeting of taxpayers to receive the report of the Committee will be fully attended.

Lawyers.

The ability and learning of the members of the bar in this country is probably as great as at any previous period of our history, and with the important litigations which have sprung out of the new enterprises of more recent years, like the extension of railroads, the application of electricity to public uses, the ownership of patent rights, and also the old but ever fierce contests over the probate and construction of wills, by virtue of which enormous estates pass from one owner to another, have given unequalled opportunity to lawyers to secure wealth and reputation in the labors of their profession.

The wide publicity which the newspapers give to such suits and the details which they furnish of the transactions in court also add to the fame or notoriety of the counsel engaged in them, and thus tends to stimulate an unhealthy desire to appear witty or sharp.

We think no one can have read the reports of cases lately tried in the city of New York without observing the efforts made by such eminent lawyers as Roscoe Conkling and Joseph H. Choate to say and do things which will read well in the newspapers, even though they appear to have no connection with the business before the court.

We suppose it is well understood that the personal abuse which counsel sometimes heap upon each other is meaningless and does not indicate any personal ill-will, but it is extremely undignified, and in men of mature years must lead the public to form a lower estimate of their character and

principles. Besides this, it is a great waste of the time of the court and prevents the transaction of business in which the public are interested, and a large part of the expense of which the taxpayers are called upon to bear.

We think it is time the judges took the counsel in charge and put a stop to the practice of turning the court room into a place of amusement in order that counsel may see themselves written up in the newspapers, for such exhibitions reflect quite as much upon the dignity of the court as upon the character of the lawyers.

Corporations.

It is the fashion in these days for our legislatures, State and national, to meddle with the business of corporations, and especially with that of railroad corporations.

The excuse made for this interference is that corporations, being creatures of the law, are properly subject to legislative control. The soundness of the principle involved in this excuse will not be discussed, but assuming it to be sound, still a sound principle may be misapplied.

Danger lies not so much in the unsoundness of a principle as in its application. Corporations are subject to the law of the land, but so too are natural persons. The sovereign power may in some instances properly interfere with the business of corporations; but so also may it sometimes rightly regulate the business of individuals.

The instances where interference is just in either case will be found to vary but little.

It is the duty of the Legislature when called upon to remedy alleged abuses of corporate power to calmly determine three things: First, does an abuse in fact exist; second, is it an abuse that calls for legislative remedy; third, what is the proper remedy for the evil.

The answer to the first and second questions will be found in the answer to this question: Would a similar abuse of power by an individual be an evil that would justify legislative interference? In answering the third the Legislature should seek for the natural remedy and apply that.

The natural remedy is that provided by the law of trade, for corporations are governed by these laws, and especially by that of supply and demand, and when unobstructed they will tend to remedy many real abuses.

This brings us to the propositions already stated, that all laws intended to remedy abuses of corporate power should be auxiliary to the laws of trade, and so framed as to aid their operation.

The nature of these laws and their operation are familiar to all except, perhaps, our legislators.

They are universal, inexorable and just; they are the great remedial forces that cure all evils and smooth out all inequalities, and when unobstructed, secure equally to labor and capital their just returns.

To these laws should be left the cure of all abuses of corporate power, and legislative interference should be confined to the removal of restrictions upon their operation.

Take, for example, the chief complaint against railroad management to-day, that by diverting freight from one line to another transportation is delayed, to the damage of the shipper.

The cause of this evil is what is called the pooling arrangement between railroads. The pooling agreement is an attempt by the railroads to restrict the operation of the law of supply and demand, by preventing competition (how futile this attempt, is shown by the fragility of all these agreements); the evil, therefore, is seen to be the direct result of this artificial restriction upon these laws of trade.

The remedy is not to forbid diversions, but to forbid pooling and thus remove the obstructions, and competition will soon do away with diversion.

Nor is this the only illustration that can be given. Instances are numerous that show that the evils complained of arise from some artificial restriction upon natural laws, but it is needless to cite them; it is too clear to need proof that natural remedies are the best and that legislation, like the physician, should seek to work a cure by means of these natural laws.

When confined to aiding the operation of natural laws, legislative interference is both beneficial and just when it exceeds these limits and assumes arbitrarily to regulate the business of corporations or to restrict the operation of the laws of trade, legislative interference is unjust or ineffective, or both.

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